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October 19th, 2018

The Honorable Dan Coats
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director Coats,

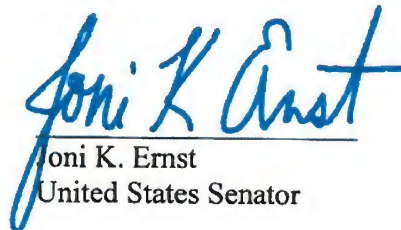
I write regarding troubling news reports alleging that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was involved in the disappearance and potential slaying of Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post journalist and legal permanent resident of the United States.

Saudi Arabia is a valuable partner and strategic ally to the United States, and we understand that Saudi Arabia has made notable contributions to counterterrorism efforts in the Middle East. Moreover, cooperation with Saudi Arabia is critical to discouraging Iranian efforts to sow violence and undermine regional stability. The importance of expanding and strengthening our global partnerships is particularly relevant now, given the National Defense Strategy's focus on great power competition.

Acknowledging this, we also believe that the United States should hold our allies and partners to high standards, including the preservation of free speech. Failing to stand up for these values undermines America's longstanding position as the world's leading democracy. The allegations that Saudi Arabia was involved in the disappearance and possible death of Mr. Khashoggi stand in stark contrast to our nation's steadfast commitment to human rights and democratic principles.

Congress' authority to appropriate funds for our national defense, authorize the use of military force, and approve foreign military sales requires that we are fully informed on issues of national security and the behavior of our allies and partners. Therefore, we request that you engage and inform Congress regarding the intelligence community's investigation into this disturbing situation. We greatly appreciate your commitment to provide truth to power, and we look forward to working together to protect our vital national interests.

Sincerely,



Joni K. Ernst
United States Senator

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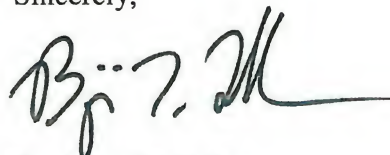
Dear Representatives Pocan and Khanna:

Thank you for your letter from October 22, 2018 regarding the disappearance of U.S.-based Saudi National Mr. Jamal Khashoggi. The Intelligence Community (IC) takes very seriously the duty to warn as detailed in Intelligence Community Directive 191 and its responsibility to keep the Congress fully and currently informed. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence and other elements of the IC have been in regular contact with Congressional leadership and the Intelligence Committees on this topic.

With respect to your request for declassification of intelligence products concerning this subject; unfortunately, due to the sensitivity of sources and methods underpinning this intelligence, we are unable to provide any unclassified documents at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Legislative Affairs office at (703) 275-2474.

Sincerely,



Benjamin T. Fallon
Assistant DNI for Legislative Affairs

cc:

The Honorable Walter B. Jones
The Honorable James P. McGovern
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
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The Honorable Brian Schatz
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
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(U) Dear Senators Blumenthal, Durbin, Van Hollen, Schatz, Sanders, Leahy, Klobuchar, and Markey:

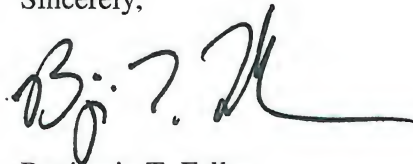
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SPOT REPORT No. 4

Turkish Coverage of Khashoggi Investigation

Monday, October 22, 2018
1700 ET

SITUATION ON THE GROUND

(U) President Erdogan convened a meeting with his ministers on Monday, October 22 amid media reports the lead prosecutor in Istanbul will complete an investigation into the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi today. The president has committed to release full details on the findings October 23. Below is a compilation of headlines in the Turkish press reporting details of the investigation and findings. (*Turkey desk, CNN*)

TURKISH COVERAGE OF KHASHOGGI INVESTIGATION

- (U) Yeni Safak: Suspected head of group that killed Saudi journalist Khashoggi in consulate in Istanbul Abdulaziz Mutreb called Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman's private secretary four times soon after
- (U) Haberturk: Turkish prosecutor subpoenas five employees of Saudi Consulate in Istanbul
- (U) CNN: Saudi operative wearing Jamal Khashoggi's clothes seen leaving consulate building in Istanbul after journalist was killed
- (U) Gunes: President Erdogan will discuss killing of Saudi journalist with his cabinet
- (U) Sabah: Turkish employees at Saudi consulate in Istanbul told prosecutor they were not given day off on day of journalist Khashoggi's killing
- (U) TRT World: Turkish police find abandoned car in private parking lot with diplomatic plates matching car seen outside Saudi Consulate when journalist Khashoggi disappeared in Istanbul
- (U) Haberdar: Saudi Crown Prince called journalist Khashoggi just before he was killed
- (U) Anadolu Agency: Turkish AK party spokesperson says killing of Saudi journalist Khashoggi was premeditated crime that someone tried to cover up, it is a complicated murder, denies allegations of bargaining with Saudi authorities over investigation into killing
- (U) Hurriyet: Turkish police tow away car without license plate from Saudi Consulate in Istanbul
- (U) TRT World: CCTV footage shows individual transferring package from abandoned Saudi vehicle into another vehicle with diplomatic plates in Istanbul
- (U) Aksam: Presidential spokesperson Ibrahim Kalin: Khashoggi killing is not an issue only between Turkey and Saudi Arabia. The problem is the issue of murder. Everything Turkey knows about Jamal Khashoggi will be revealed on Tuesday.

- (U) A Haber: Two Saudi men seen burning documents after Khashoggi's murder

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Questions that members of the media have recently asked ODNI:

- **Following President Trump's comments in late October when reporters asked questions about Khashoggi "We have people over in Saudi Arabia now. We have top intelligence people in Turkey. And we're going to see what we have. I'll know a lot tomorrow. They'll be coming back either tonight or tomorrow morning. But we have people in Saudi Arabia and people in Turkey." Whom is he referring to?**

A: (We deferred to the White House)

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- **Q: We are interested to know whether ODNI, including DNI Coats/DCIA Haspel, have, based on audio supplied by Turkey, offered any final assessment regarding a potential link (or lack thereof) between MBS and Khashoggi's killing, as recently suggested by Amb Bolton?**

A: ODNI politely declined to comment.

- **Q: Does ODNI have any guidance on the President's suggestion that "rogue killers" may have been involved in the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi?**

A: ODNI politely declined to comment.



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From: Julian, Gregory S (b)(3)
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 1:39 PM
To: DNI-Media
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Hello/New York Times

Forwarding for SA – I understand Kellie Wade is not in. Please see the query below.

Best,
Greg

From: Julian, Gregory S
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 10:10 AM
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Cc: DL NSAMedia (b)(3)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Hello/New York Times

All, FYSA
I will respond to Mark that we have nothing for him.

Best,
Greg

Greg Julian
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Greg-

This is Mark Mazzetti with The New York Times. I hope you are well.

I'm writing because we are preparing a story for today about some updates in the IC assessment on Jamal Khashoggi's death. The NSA has been transcribing more stored conversations of Mohammed bin Salman, and this effort has yielded more evidence that the crown prince intended to kill Khashoggi if he did not return to KSA. Here are some details that we are planning to report:

1. In September 2017, MBS has a conversation with Turki Aldakhil, one of his top advisers and the head of Al Arabiya network, saying that if Khashoggi could not be enticed to return to KSA with an Al Arabiya job, he would be taken back forcibly. If that didn't work, MBS said, they would "use a bullet."
2. Days earlier, MBS has a conversation with Saad al Qahtani. They discuss how JK has become a big problem for the kingdom. Qahtani says that it could cause international blowback if something was done to JK, and MBS said that Saudi Arabia shouldn't worry about that. There is a direct quote from one of the intel reports I intend to use that says MBS said he "did not like half-measures. He never liked them and did not believe in them."
3. The ongoing effort in the IC is to go back several years on MBS's communication to gather more evidence of his role in the operation.

I have not seen the reports myself but have spoken to sources who have.

I thought it was best to lay this all out in an email, but if you want I'm available to chat anytime that's convenient for you.

Best
Mark

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The New York Times

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We'll do the same. Thanks.

Kellie Wade

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Subject: FW: Request for comment

I spoke with Olivia and declined to comment for CIA.

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Cc: (b)(3) @ucia.gov>
Subject: Request for comment

Hello.

CBS requests comment from the CIA regarding the President's statement about the Khashoggi matter.

Understanding it is and always has been the president's prerogative to decide on a policy outcome - is the agency concerned about the President's apparent disregard for what appear to be continuing intelligence assessments about this matter?

.... thanks.

Amanda J Schoch

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Here's the transcript from the pool

Are you concerned by not punishing Saudi Arabia, that you're sending a message to other world leaders that they can do what they please?

No. Not at all. Saudi Arabia has been a longtime strategic partner. They're investing hundreds of billions of dollars in our country. I mean, hundreds of billions. They're keeping the oil prices low. I see that yesterday in one of the papers, I was blamed for causing traffic jams because I have the oil prices are too low. All because I'm telling them all to keep their oil prices low. No one ever did that. No president ever did that. And gasoline is now at a very low number. But I guess I even got beat up for that, they said the president has the gasoline so low that he's causing traffic jams. Can you believe this one? I said, that's why no one ever thought of it. But it's OK. We want low oil prices and Saudi Arabia has really done a good job in that respect, they've pumped out a lot of oil that wasn't going to be pumped out when I called them. About four weeks ago. If you look at oil four weeks ago, it was at 280, 283 per barrel and it was going up to 100 a barrel . That would've doubled your prices

and even tripled your prices at the car. Gasoline. And instead now there are very low prices because of what I did and Saudi Arabia helped us.

But very importantly, they're investing billions of dollars, they're buying their equipment from us. And remember this: they don't have to buy from us. They could buy from Russia, and they could buy from China. They make very good equipment. They don't make as good equipment as we make. Nobody does. Nobody comes even close. But they make good equipment. So they could spend that money in Russia and China and other places. And that is not acceptable.

Q: The CIA has concluded —

They didn't conclude. Josh, they didn't conclude. I'm sorry.

Q: Do you think they did not?

No, they did not. They did not come to a conclusion. They have feelings, certain ways, but I have the report. You can ask Mike. They have not concluded. Nobody's concluded. I don't know if anyone could conclude that the crown prince did it. But I will say this —

Whether he did or whether he didn't, he denies it vehemently. His father denies, the king, vehemently. The CIA doesn't say they did it. They do point out certain things, and in pointing out those things, you can conclude that maybe he did or maybe he didn't. But that was another part of the false reporting. Because a lot of you said yesterday that they said he did it. Well they didn't say that. They said he might've done it. That's a big difference. But they're vehemently denying it and we have hundreds of thousands of jobs. Do people really want me to give up hundreds of thousands of jobs, and frankly if we went by this standard, we wouldn't be able to have anybody as an ally. Because look at what happens all over the world, but then you can also take a look at Iran and Syria where millions of people have been just slaughtered horribly. You take a look at Iran and the vicious, the vicious situation that is taking place there and the number of people that are being killed and slaughtered. You take a look all over the world — we're not going to be able to deal with, let's not deal with anybody. The fact is, Saudi Arabia has been tremendously helpful in the Middle East. If we didn't have Saudi Arabia, we wouldn't have a big base, we wouldn't have any reason probably — if you look at Israel, Israel would be in big trouble without Saudi Arabia. So what does that mean? Israel's going to leave? You want Israel to leave? We have a very strong ally in Saudi Arabia. We have an ally that says they did not commit at the top level of the crown prince, the king, they did not commit this atrocity and it's an atrocity, it's a terrible thing. I dislike it more than you do. But the fact is, they've been a very strong ally. They create tremendous wealth, they create tremendous number of jobs in their purchases, and very importantly they keep the oil price down. If you want to see global depression, all you have to do is lift the oil prices \$50 a barrel and that would happen very quickly once we lose that relationship. I hate the crime, I hate what's done, I hate the cover up. And I will tell you this the crown prince hates it more than I do and they have vehemently denied it. The CIA points it both ways, you know, and as I said, maybe he did maybe he didn't. But I will say very strongly that they're a very important ally, and if we go by a certain standard, we won't be able to have allies with almost any country.

Q: Who should be held accountable?

Maybe the world should be held accountable because the world is a vicious place. The world is a very, very vicious place. You look at what's happening in China, you look at what's happening in so many different countries, I could name many countries. You look at what's happening in terrorism all over the world. That's the other thing about Saudi Arabia, they're putting up tremendous amounts of money to fight terrorism. Now, they were part of terrorism and nobody is going to try and justify that. They were a big part of it. But they're spending a lot of money and they're opening up and they're doing a lot of things. They're really opening up their country for a lot of good. Till this happened, a lot of people were saying a lot of good things about the crown prince. So he strongly denies it, he vehemently denies it. And my policy is very simply: America First, Keep America Great Again. And that's what I'm doing and we're doing better than anyone thought possible.

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Thanks for flagging, Amanda.

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Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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Director of National Intelligence

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/politics/wp/2018/11/22/trump-contradicts-cia-on-killing-of-khashoggi-says-agency-had-feelings-but-did-not-firmly-place-blame-on-saudi-crown-prince/?utm_term=.aaef719e2f61

Trump contradicts CIA on killing of Khashoggi, says agency 'had feelings' but did not firmly place blame on Saudi crown prince

By Washington Post Staff November 22 at 11:08 AM

Speaking to reporters at his Florida resort, President Trump said the CIA had not come to a conclusion that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the killing of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump brushed aside the intelligence community's assessment that the crown prince had ordered the killing and reiterated that Saudi Arabia was too valuable an ally to lose over the incident. "I hate the crime...I hate the coverup. I will tell you this: The crown prince hates it more than I do," Trump said. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

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Q: Do you think they did not?

No, they did not. They did not come to a conclusion. They have feelings, certain ways, but I have the report. You can ask Mike. They have not concluded. Nobody's concluded. I don't know if anyone could conclude that the crown prince did it. But I will say this —

Whether he did or whether he didn't, he denies it vehemently. His father denies, the king, vehemently. The CIA doesn't say they did it. They do point out certain things, and in pointing out those things, you can conclude that maybe he did or maybe he didn't. But that was another part of the false reporting. Because a lot of you said yesterday that they said he did it. Well they didn't say that. They said he might've done it. That's a big difference. But they're vehemently denying it and we have hundreds of thousands of jobs. Do people really want me to give up hundreds of thousands of jobs, and frankly if we went by this standard, we wouldn't be able to have anybody as an ally. Because look at what happens all over the world, but then you can also take a look at Iran and Syria where millions of people have been just slaughtered horribly. You take a look at Iran and the vicious, the vicious situation that is taking place there and the number of people that are being killed and slaughtered. You take a look all over the world — we're not going to be able to deal with, let's not deal with anybody. The fact is, Saudi Arabia has been tremendously helpful in the Middle East. If we didn't have Saudi Arabia, we wouldn't have a big base, we wouldn't have any reason probably — if you look at Israel, Israel would be in big trouble without Saudi Arabia. So what does that mean? Israel's going to leave? You want Israel to leave? We have a very strong ally in Saudi Arabia. We have an ally that says they did not commit at the top level of the crown prince, the king, they did not commit this atrocity and it's an atrocity, it's a terrible thing. I dislike it more than you do. But the fact is, they've been a very strong ally. They create tremendous wealth, they create tremendous number of jobs in their purchases, and very importantly they keep the oil price down. If you want to see global depression, all you have to do is lift the oil prices \$50 a barrel and that would happen very quickly once we lose that relationship. I hate the crime, I hate what's done, I hate the cover up. And I will tell you this the crown prince hates it more than I do and they have vehemently denied it. The CIA points it both ways, you know, and as I said, maybe he did maybe he didn't. But I will say very strongly that they're a very important ally, and if we go by a certain standard, we won't be able to have allies with almost any country.

Q: Who should be held accountable?

Maybe the world should be held accountable because the world is a vicious place. The world is a very, very vicious place. You look at what's happening in China, you look at what's happening in so many different countries, I could name many countries. You look at what's happening in terrorism all over the world. That's the other thing about Saudi Arabia, they're putting up tremendous amounts of money to fight terrorism. Now, they were part of terrorism and nobody is going to try and justify that. They were a big part of it. But they're spending a lot of money and they're opening up and they're doing a lot of things. They're really opening up their country for a lot of good. Till this happened, a lot of people were saying a lot of good things about the crown prince. So he strongly denies it, he vehemently denies it. And my policy is very simply: America First, Keep America Great Again. And that's what I'm doing and we're doing better than anyone thought possible.

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Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 at 12:40:21 PM
To: "Amanda J Schoch" <(b)(3)>, (b)(3)
Cc: "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>
Subject: Re: Breaking report

Thanks for flagging, Amanda.

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Have a happy Thanksgiving!

(b)(3)
Executive Assistant
Director of National Intelligence

From: "Amanda J Schoch" <(b)(3)>
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 at 11:16:41 AM
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Cc: "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>
Subject: Breaking report

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/politics/wp/2018/11/22/trump-contradicts-cia-on-killing-of-khashoggi-says-agency-had-feelings-but-did-not-firmly-place-blame-on-saudi-crown-prince/?utm_term=.aaef719e2f61

Trump contradicts CIA on killing of Khashoggi, says agency 'had feelings' but did not firmly place blame on

Saudi crown prince

By Washington Post Staff November 22 at 11:08 AM

Speaking to reporters at his Florida resort, President Trump said the CIA had not come to a conclusion that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the killing of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump brushed aside the intelligence community's assessment that the crown prince had ordered the killing and reiterated that Saudi Arabia was too valuable an ally to lose over the incident. "I hate the crime...I hate the coverup. I will tell you this: The crown prince hates it more than I do," Trump said. This is a developing story. It will be updated.

Amanda J Schoch

From: (b)(3)
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 11:28 AM
To: (b)(3); (b)(6)
Cc: DL NSAMedia; (b)(3) DNI-Media; (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Kashoggi

Hi Charles,

We don't. Politico and CBS reached out here as well.

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From: (b)(3)@dni.gov>
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Kashoggi

Hi (b)(3)

Does NSA anticipate any change in posture regarding Khashoggi? NPR and POLITICO just reached out.

Respectfully,

Charles A. Carithers
Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Kashoggi

Thanks (b)(3)

CCing CIA's media team here for visibility. We both received a similar query from NBC's Ken Dilanian and indicated we had nothing to offer.

Best,

Charles Carithers
Media Relations
ODNI
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Kashoggi

NSA received the same inquiry requesting verification and did not provide comment. The story posted last night.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/world/saudis-lay-in-wait-for-jamal-khashoggi-and-left-turkey-quickly-sources-say/2018/10/09/0e283e2e-cbc5-11e8-ad0a-0e01efba3cc1_story.html?noredirect=on&twitter_impression=true

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Cc: [DL NSAMedia; DNI-Media](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Kashoggi

Good evening (b)(6),

We received the query below from Mark Hosenball from Reuters. Does NSA have any insight on this?

Best,

Charles Carithers
Media Relations
ODNI

(b)(3) (mobile)

From: "Hosenball, Mark J. (Reuters)" (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:51:20 PM
To: (b)(3) <@dni.gov>, "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>
Subject: Kashoggi

Is this Post reporting accurate ? Guidance welcome. Tks mh

//Before Khashoggi's disappearance, U.S. intelligence intercepted communications of Saudi officials discussing a plan to capture him, according to a person familiar with the information. The Saudis wanted to lure Khashoggi back to Saudi Arabia and lay hands on him there, this person said. It was not clear whether the Saudis intended to arrest and interrogate Khashoggi or to kill him, or if the U.S. warned Khashoggi that he was a target, this person said.//

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Turks tell U.S. officials they have audio and video recordings that support conclusion Khashoggi was killed

Thanks Charles

We've declined comment on WaPo to AP (Deb), NYT (Julian), and WSJ (Warren).

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From: (b)(3)
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To: (b)(3) @dni.gov>, "DNI-Media" <DNI-Media@dni.gov>, "DL NSAMedia" (b)(3) (b)(3) @ucia.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Turks tell U.S. officials they have audio and video recordings that support conclusion Khashoggi was killed

Thanks Charles.

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To: DNI-Media; DL NSAMedia; (b)(3)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Turks tell U.S. officials they have audio and video recordings that support conclusion Khashoggi was killed

Julian Barnes from the New York Times just called me and flagged this Washington Post story. He requested to be kept abreast if we have anything to add.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/turks-tell-us-officials-they-have-audio-and-video-recordings-that-support-conclusion-khashoggi-was-killed/2018/10/11/119a119e-cd88-11e8-920f-dd52e1ae4570_story.html?utm_term=.e465da7c9498

Best,

Charles Carithers
Media Relations
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Amanda J Schoch

From: Evans, Michael (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 1:16 PM
To: (b)(3) (b)(3) @dni.gov; dni-pao
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Saudi

Ok thanks a lot. I'll wait to hear from Kelly or her team.
Best
Mike

On Thu, 18 Oct 2018 at 18:05, Augustine, Christopher J (b)(3) wrote:

Mike,

Thank you for reaching out. We are referring all media queries on this topic to the ODNI media relations team. I have cc'd Kellie Wade Media Relations Officer from ODNI, and the ODNI media relations team, to help you. Good luck.

V/R

Augie

Chris Augustine

Media Relations Officer

National Security Agency (NSA)

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Media Line: 443-634-0721

From: Evans, Michael (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 12:59 PM
To: MediaRelations <MediaRelations@nsa.gov>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Saudi

Hi

I gather Tommy is no longer on the media relations desk. Can I therefore ask you, is there any way you can guide me without any attribution as to whether the US government has acquired through its own means the Turkish video/audio tapes of the suspected killing of Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul? Any guidance would be much appreciated.

Best

Mike Evans

The Times of London

(Pentagon Correspondent in DC 2010-2013)

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From: (b)(3)
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 2:02 PM
To: 'Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia'; DNI-Media
Cc: (b)(3)
Subject: RE: Request for comment

Hi Olivia,

We decline comment, but thank you for reaching out.

Best,

Jen Burita
Media Relations Officer, Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: Andrzejczak Gazis, Olivia (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:23 PM
To: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>
Cc: (b)(3)@ucia.gov>
Subject: Request for comment

Hello.

CBS requests comment from the CIA regarding the President's statement about the Khashoggi matter.

Understanding it is and always has been the president's prerogative to decide on a policy outcome - is the agency concerned about the President's apparent disregard for what appear to be continuing intelligence assessments about this matter?

.... thanks.

Amanda J Schoch

From: Michael G Birmingham
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 9:35 AM
To: DNI-OLA; Amanda J Schoch; (b)(3)
Subject: FW: Inquiry on Khashoggi Intelligence for Congress

OLA Colleagues,

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Thanks, Mike

From: Bryant Harris (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 9:23 AM
To: DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>
Subject: Inquiry on Khashoggi Intelligence for Congress

Hello,

My name is Bryant Harris and I am the congressional correspondent for Al-Monitor. Senator Bob Corker and a few other sources on Capitol Hill are saying that they are no longer receiving intelligence updates on Jamal Khashoggi's disappearance. I'm writing to inquire as to why those intelligence streams have been cut off. Thanks!

Best,

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Bryant Harris
Congressional Correspondent
Al-Monitor | The Pulse of the Middle East
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From: Benjamin T. Fallon-DNI-
To: (b)(3) -DNI-; (b)(3) -DNI-; (b)(3) -DNI-
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+ (b)(3) who is working the SSCI piece.

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Best,

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Subject: FW: jamal khashoggi - [Link to Attachment(s)]

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Subject: [AIN] jamal khashoggi - [Link to Attachment(s)]

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Hey (b)(3) - Hope you are well. Hope to see you next week. In the meantime, can team provide any information regarding the Washington Post reporting that US intelligence intercepted communications of Saudi officials discussing a plan to capture Jamal Khashoggi? The boss is hot to trot on this. Thanks.

Matt Rimkunas

Legislative Director

Senator Lindsey O. Graham

290 Russell Senate Office Building

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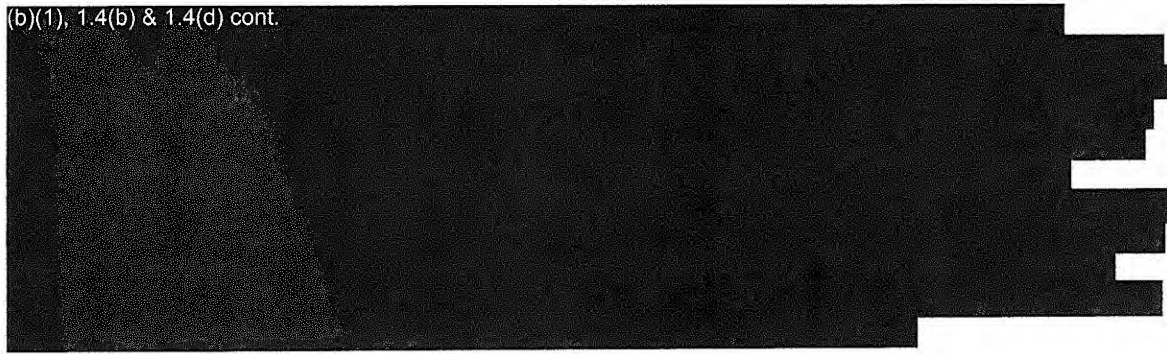
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International Journalists Report Outreach Email by Saudi Ambassador in DC


4. (SBU) A few International journalists reported receiving an email in the name of Saudi Ambassador to the United States (and the Crown Prince's brother) Khalid bin Salman decrying malicious leaks and grim rumors flying around about Jamal's whereabouts and fate. The email emphasized that reports that suggest that Jamal Khashoggi went missing in the Consulate in Istanbul or that the Kingdom's authorities have detained him or killed him are absolutely false, and baseless. The email pointed to discrepancies in statements to press attributed to Turkish authorities as indicative of false rumormongering. The email closed by noting Jamal is a Saudi citizen whose safety and security is a top priority for the Kingdom, just as is the case with any other citizen. We will not spare any effort to locate him, just as we would if it were any other Saudi citizen.

Social Media Abuzz with Khashoggi Theories and Alleged Perpetrators

5. (SBU) Late October 2, Saudi social media users began posting reports about Khashoggi's disappearance after the Twitter account, Prisoners of Conscience/ @m3takl, tweeted, Breaking news: Unconfirmed news about kidnapping the Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi after disappearing since 1.00 pm today after visiting the Saudi Embassy in Istanbul to do some paper work. The Embassy however denied that he came to the place!! @m3takl called on everyone to participate under the hashtag# ____ (Kidnap of Jamal Khashoggi) as a part of a campaign to press the Saudi authorities to reveal his fate, as the Saudi Embassy in Turkey denying he has entered its building today. Several other hashtags, such as # ____ (Saudi Arabia cares for Jamal Khashoggi), # ____ (killing of Jamal Khashoggi), # ____ (martyrdom of Jamal Khashoggi), # ____ (where is Khashoggi, Erdogan), # ____ (kidnapping of Jamal Khashoggi), # ____ (Saudi Arabia's assassination of Jamal Khashoggi), and # ____ (the play of Jamal Khashoggi) continued the online discussion. SAG defenders began sharing theories and questions to cast doubt on the conventional narrative and deflect blame from the SAG. Why is everyone demanding the Saudi Consulate show a video of Jamal leaving? Shouldn't the Turkish side have its own security cameras? wrote one user. Other SAG defenders have put forth conspiracy theories blaming the Muslim Brotherhood, Qatar, Jabhat al-Nusra, and Russian agents. The Twitter account Khashoggi's Case Commission of Fact Finding @FFCJHashoggil was created on October 2018 to follow updates on Khashoggi's case.

Bio Note

6. (SBU) A graduate of Indiana State University, Jamal Khashoggi began his career in journalism in Saudi Arabia in the mid 1980s. He rose to prominence following his interviews in then-Russian-occupied Afghanistan with jihadists including Osama bin Laden and was a frequent commentator on Saudi politics in pan-Arab and international media. He served as editor-in-chief and general manager of Al Arab News and as a correspondent for London-based Al-Hayat newspaper. Khashoggi moved to Washington in 2017 after he was banned by the Royal Court in November 2016 from blogging, tweeting, and writing (ref B). The ban followed criticism by Khashoggi of then-President-elect Trump and Saudi handling of the war in Yemen. Khashoggi has written for the Washington Post Global Opinions Column since September 2017. (b)(3)



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